MRS. NICHOLS DIED OF FRIGHT IN FIGHTING MASKED MEN; \$10,000 JEWELRY STOLEN: SERVANT CONFESSES PLOT

Admits He Let Men Into House and Bind Him as a Bluff.

FIVE UNDER ARREST IN POLICE DRAGNET

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Griggs Nichols, widow of James E. Nichols. who founded Austin, Nichols & Co., was caused by fright and by the sudden strain of the courageous fight which the sixty-three-year-old woman made against three masked men who, aided by a servant, attacked her in her home at 4 East Seventy-ninth street on Wednesday night and took from her fingers after she was dead rings worth

This was made clear yesterday by the autopsy and by the confession of One Talas, the youthful second man in the Nichols home, that the three men had persuaded him to aid them in robbing Mrs. Nichols. Talas confessed yesterday morning to Deputy Police Commissioner Lord and Inspector Faurot after a rigorous all night examination. He was charged with homicide and made a prisoner. Eight others are detained as material witnesses.

Search was begun immediately for the three masked men. One of them. Talas told the police, is named Arthur Walters, or Waldemar, and was Mrs Nichols's second man until a little less than three months ago. Then he was discharged after one of Mrs. Nichols's rings, mysteriously missing, had beer mysteriously returned. It was on this man's recommendation, however, that Talas got the position of second man

when Waldemar left it. In Talas's confession, taken by stenographer before a notary, the young man, who is a Russian Finn, says that for several weeks he had been hard put to it to resist the urging of "Arthur" and the other two-who were Finns also—that he work with them to rob Mrs. Nichols of the large quantity of jewelry Arthur knew she possessed. He did not yield until Tuesday night, Talas said, when all four talked over

No Thought of Murder.

Talas, who is only 23 years old, says he never thought for a moment that his confederates contemplated murdering Mrs. Nichols, or even that they would dare to go to the length of violence to get the jewelry. He was terror stricken, he said, when the men dashed past him here he lay loosely tied, crying to each her, "Hurry, let's get out of here, It was just The words and their pale faces

worth \$10,000 which they snatched from

r fingers before fleeing. The autopsy, performed late yesterday

them a full description of them, especially of Arthur, and has told them of several places, poolrooms and similar resorts in Harlem and near Central Park where they spend much time.

"We know where this man Arthur lives," said Inspector Faurot. "We know his hangouts and his associates. If we can't do quick work now I'm guessing."

Griggs, are convinced that

can't do quick work now I'm guessing wrong, that's all."

Five Under Arrest.

Already the police have arrested we men, brought in by several made of detectives despatched in atomobiles to places Talas named, hese five men, with the three her Nichols servants, are detained at the Third branch detective bureau, ough no charge has been made against them. They will be taken later to the m. They will be taken later to the use of Detention, it was said, where may be held as material witnesses, spector Faurot and Second Deputy missioner Lord questioned the three nced that they were innocent of Vital, the butler, has long been ed by Mrs. Nichols. He gave so shtforward an account of his acat he was soon relieved of sus-

first the detectives wondered her Heona Troivonen, the cook, who unting for the fact that she house at 8 o'clock Wednesday a few moments before Talas adthe three men. She convinced however, that she had no knowlof the plot and in fact helped the The maid, with Edith dt, satisfied them that she really ed to a chair by them.

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Burger had been reengaged as house keeper at the doctor's Newport home. d his admittance of his three rates and what followed was sub-

tally as follows: ag me. They went up stairs and gone about fifteen minutes. When discharged had nearly come to blows tine down they were all excited saying, 'Hurry up; let's get They didn't pay any attention to when Brown came in," said Miss Ormsby. even tell me how much they got thought something was wrong. afraid to go up stairs when Edith untied my hands after got out of the chair they tied her

a story that aid-d greatly in en-g them to form a picture of how three men went about their plan enter the house, and shows how carethey must have planned it.





said, "and told me they would kill me if I opened my mouth. Two of them wore masks. I couldn't recognize any of

The stories of all the servants agree that this happened shortly after 8 o'clock It was not until 9:35 that Lieut. Bir-mingham, sitting at his desk in the detective bureau at Police Headquarters heard the maid's frightened voice over the telephone telling him that her mis-

It was just before 10 o'clock that Drs. Delahunt and Kent arrived in a A thorough search of the house by the pilee and by Maitland F. Griggs, Mrs. Nichols's bedy in the doorway of the library, at the front of the third summoned last night from Ardsley. N. Y., showed that probably all the three men got from the crime was four rings worth \$10,000 which they snatched from Over her head and Kent arrived in a Flower Hospital ambulance, and found Mrs. Nichols's body in the doorway of the library, at the front of the third story of the gray stone house. The two surgeons found every evidence that the elderly woman had died ni a courageous struggle against the three men.

Over her head and about her neck were twisted a sheet and a table cover in such a manner that it appeared as if The autopsy, performed late yesterday afternoon by Coroner's Physician Benjamin Schwartz and Dr. Otto F. Schultze of the District Attorney's office, showed that Mrs. Nichols was killed by the shock of the attack upon her and not strangled to death. At her age, 63, thieves believed Mrs. Nichols kept her had a weak heart and also Bright's

SAYS WIFE CLAIMED

RIGHT TO KILL MOHR

Doctor's Secretary Also As-

serts Negro Brown Threat-

ened Her Employer.

EVIDENCE IS PILING UP

Ormsby, secretary to Dr. C. Franklin

Mohr, who was murdered on the Bar-

rington road on August 31, said to-day

that Mrs. Mohr had told her that she

had a right to kill her husband and that

the law would uphold her. Mrs. Mohr

had just been told that Miss Emily

Burger had been reengaged as house-

that she would be my friend and protect me. She was talking horribly and I

The day after the shooting she called

until she told me that the doctor had

been murdered, and then she asked me

Took Book to Lawyer,

yer. There were no names in this book, the women patients were known by

to shut up the office and come to her.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 9.-Miss Florence me up and said: 'Isn't is terrible, Flor-

DICTURE No. 1, Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols; 2, the home of Mrs. Nich-

library in which she was robbed and found dead; 3, Onni Palas, the

second man, who confessed his part in the crime, being taken under

ols at 4 East Seventy-ninth street, the cross indicating the

Reys or open the wall safe.

Took Only the Rings.

After looking carefully in the wall safe and all other possible places, the police and Mrs. Nichols's nephew, Mr. Griggs, are convinced that the rings are all that was stolen. A detailed description of these rings is yet lacking, but Cyrii F, Peck, a dealer in diamonds at 353 Fifth avenue, of whom Mrs.

anything will happen."
"I wouldn't go riding with the doctor.
I knew too much about Mrs. Mohr, for of some of the rooms. me time, when I was down at Newport went out to find the doctor and he was

I went out to find the doctor and he was sitting in a hammock. I sat down beside him while we were talking and in a few minutes Mrs. Mohr came out in a rage and accused me of kissing him. He left in a hurry and I did too.

"Mrs. Mohr told me to find out all that I could about her husband and that I could about her husband and that the way it is not seen to be a said to be a said

his shooting was in fear of being shot is the opinion of Miss Elsie Meuller, told her she ought not to say such things is the opinion of Miss Eisle Meuner, his former housekeeper, who said to-day that she used to ask the doctor 'he's doing good work peeking through what time he would be home to dinner and his answer would usually be, "If I don't get shot I'll be home at 5. I didn't know what had happened If you don't see me then you will know they have got me, for I expect a bullet about any time."

"You make me nervous saying that," Miss Meuller says she told the doc-

Miss Ormsby also said that Victor
Brown, the negro charged with killing
Dr. Mohr, bad called a let a l found. She quotes the doctor as Although Miss Ormsby said that Dr. saying:

Dr. Mohr, had called at the doctor's ofthey tied my hands behind me, as
blanned. They did not tie my feet
demanding to know why he had been
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Although Miss Ormsby said that Dr.
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gave him on Saturday, Frank L before Dr. Mohr started back to Providence on the ride in which he met his Anyhow I bought the house, Mont-

"I didn't like him, feared him, and when he began to talk loudly to Dr. Mohr I winked at the doctor to warn him to avoid a fight. Dr. Mohr told him levy's office to tell him of threats to watch."

He children are alive."

Miss Meulier says that Dr. Mohr had heard from a neighbor that Mrs. Mohr had been seen in his Providence stable and he asked me to watch.

many threats made against his life that at one time he planned to have his wife after," she said. "Outside I saw Arthur and two other men. They came up to me, and Arthur said: 'Have you got a date?' I said I was going to the movies, but he said: 'Let's go to the park,' "I said, 'No,' and went on to the picture show. One of the men followed me, and Arthur and the other went into the park,. The other man left me at the lock the doctor was going to try and the said. "Be went to get it and broke the lock the doctor was going to try and have her arrested for it, but he gave up the idea after a while.

"I told the doctor and Miss Burger on the Saturday before the shooting that

the maid. She did not recognize him as one of the three who came to her room, gagged her and tied her to a chair after they had gone through the motions of tying up Talas.

"They pointed a revolver at me," she told the doctor and shiss Burger did not pay any attention to it, and the doctor said, "Oh, well, she has been saying these my children to good schools. I have bare to do me that I could have it. They have all been on my side and have been very kind. I intended to go, and then this awful thing came. When this is over I am going to take a gourse in a school of design and send my children to good schools. I have

William H. Lewis, ex-assistant Attor-

things for a long time. I don't believe always been artistic and my husband used to show his friends in Newport the decorations which I painted on the walls

MOHR FEARED SHOT.

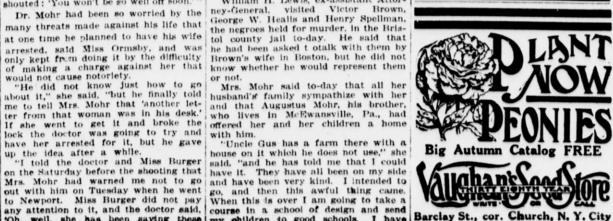
in which he kept records of all his cases and carried it to Mr. Hurley, the law-about a will, though she does not be-about a will, though she was a good with the weeks ago. "I didn't go, but took the red book tor.

with the doctor and had threatened him.
"I was sitting at the desk in the office when Brown came in," said Miss Ormsby.

dence on the ride in which he met his death, he had a premonition of trouble, he was afraid something was going to have a home when I am gone. I have fixed it so she can never sell it while the children are alive."

Cook Aids the Police.

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WIFE DENIES RIVAL, IN CORD MYSTERY

Brands as False Peterson's Story of Woman Disturber of Home.

PARTNER IS STILL HELD

CAMDEN, N. J., Sept. 9.—Olaf F. Peterson, who has been held as a material witness since Samuel S. Cord, his business partner, was murdered a week ago Monday, repeated to-day in his first complete statement that a woman figured in the mysterious crime. Cord's wife denied Peterson's statement when it was read to her later. As the authorities have been sceptical of what Peterson has said about the crime and as developments to-day added to the mystery of the real estate man's death they continued to keep

Peterson in custody. "Several months ago," said Peterson, Cord told me there had been trouble at his home the night before because Mrs. Cord had found fault with his in-Mrs. Cord had found fault with his intimacy with another woman and he feared he would have to take a separate room in his own home. He mentioned his wife's Jealousy many times after. I never heard the name or address of this woman, but I knew he was interested in one, for often when I was in the office she called up and asked for Cord. If he was not in she would not leave a message, but always said, "No, just tell him somebody called up."

Cord Sought Privacy, He Says. "If Cord was in at the time I would "If Cord was in at the time I would call him to the telephone and as soon as he found out who it was he would say, 'Peterson, leave the office a few minutes, won't you?' Other people called up and he talked to them with me in the office. That was what I meant when I said a woman was in the case. When I went to Philadelphia before I was arrested and told the authorities I was going to try to learn who the woman was if thought I could find out from Charles Lube, the office clerk, but now I am satisfied he does not know."

solutely and I never had any reason to think my trust was misplaced. In all our life together he was away from me but one night, except when he went to Florida last April, and that was the night he was killed. He never made up say either what was the amount of the estate, with the management of which he has been concerned. Nichols died of shock and fright after her struggle was performed in the undertaking establishment of William J. Sion for it. Our life was ideal. Mr. Minor. 465. Fourth and the struggle was been stabled by the stable of the struggle was not been stabled. The stable of The autopsy that determined that Mrs. dertaking establishment of William J. Solvent also told an untruth when he Schultze and Dr. Schwartz. Said Mr. Cord warned him not to tell Schultze and Dr. Schwartz.

The only marks on the body that might be called wounds resulting from every detail of it, for Mr. Cord told me

the struggle were a bruise on the right side of the forehead and another on the right arm.

After the autopsy Mr. and Mrs. Griggs arranged for the funeral, which probably will be held Sunday afternoon from the house at 4 East Seventy-ninth street.

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Why he did not get Cord's indomination for the renewal note Peterson said he was through with Cord.

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Figured in Another Mystery. The Camden police heard to-day of

bureau, however, they issued orders that reports that Peterson was the man who a general alarm for the three men figured in the murder of Mamie Sullivan she had a weak heart and also Bright's gressiance to any sudden nervous or physical strain exceedingly low. Apparently she died almost the moment the three men set upon her. Every effort it being made by the pilce to find these men and with pilce to find these was nanounced to was the man three to most manter and is Markel and the ment on the state. Hartford Doctor One of the Helrs to Nichols Estate.

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son was never suspected of having any knowledge of the Sullivan murder beyond the part he said he played. Peterson said that he had come to the United States twenty-eight years ago and that he went to Paterson in 1885, working in factories there. On the night of Mamie Sullivan's death, he said, he stumbled over the woman's body on the street just after he heard two women

scream. He helped carry Miss Sulli-can's body into a nearby house. From there, she was taken to a hospital, where she died. Soon after that Peter-son went to New York, but returned to Paterson later to engage in the real es-tate hustness. tate business. Cord's partner is said to have admitted that he served eleven months in

the Essex county jail for forging checks, but explained that he innocently tried to pass a check given to him by a friend. He said he was arrested in connection with a land deal in Towanda, Pa., but was discharged when the magistrate heard the case. He also said that he was arrested on a charge of larceny in Philadelphia, where he was freed in the same way.

Tells of Great Expectations.

Peterson told Prosecutor Kraft that was anxious to complete the lumber company had agreed to give him 9 cents be mined until the timber was cut. He tried to sell the timber to the Standard Oil Company, but refused to sell when he found he was expected to accept stock in payment.

The authorities are also interested in

Peterson's statement that he washed his clothes on the afternoon of the Cord murder. The washing was done in his attic because, he said, his family was

WOMAN NOW SOUGHT FOR JUDGE'S MURDER

Rifle, Instead of Revolver. Used to Kill Knowles, Is New Theory.

woman figured in the murder of Judge Willis S. Knowles, who was shot near his home in Johnston on Monday morn-"Mr. Cord always told me where he went," asserted Mrs. Cord in refutation of Peterson's statement, "and I never was jealous. I trusted my husband on the control of the con

> keeper for many years, has left for Cambridge, Mass., to visit friends. She did not care to remain alone in the house after what had happened, said that she would return when Judge Knowles's brother came back from the funeral in Ohio.

volver. Amasi Stone, a hunter who was fishing on the shore of Lake Moswam-sicul, said to-day that he heard the shots and is sure from his experience that they came from a rifle. He did not see any one running away from the road.

Henry Edwards, the North Scituate man who was arrested in Worcester and the shore of Police Headquarters was assigned to the case. man who was arrested in Worcester and questioned about his knowledge of the apparently eliminates him from the case. He was held in Worcester in \$1,000 ball

on the charge of breaking into a hat this afternoon by Mayor Horton of Kerr of Hastings, Neb.

3 CARD PLAYERS HELD FOR KILLING A TAILOR

Police Believe Victim Was Lured to Death in House of Three Deuces.

Detectives swarming through Chrystle and Forsyth streets yesterday in their search for the slayer of Gluseppe Lette were working on the theory that the killing was instigated by the gang of Black Handers who created terror for years in the vicinity of the House of Three Deuces, as the tenement at 222 Chrystie street is known.

The police believe that Lette, a tailor of 207 Forsyth street, who was shot to death in a card game at 203 Forsyth street Wednesday night, may have been one of the business men of the Italian section who helped break up a ton for some 5,000,000 tons of coal the Italian section who helped break up the company expected to mine on the the notorious gang in 1902 at the time of land every year. The coal could not the barrel murder, when Madonia, who had turned informer, was found stuck in a barrel in the open street.

Lette's death came about while he and nine others were playing triggonetteseven and a half-in the basement of the Forsyth street house. Two charges of a shot gun loaded with slugs were fired through a hole in the fence back of the building and through the open door. Two other players were hurt, and one of them, Joseph Raffo, a grocer, in whose base-ment the game was being played, was

still in an unconscious condition in Gouverneur Hospital yesterday. Acting Captain William Deevy and the detectives working under him arrested three card players yesterday, but got no information of value out of them. They are looking for four others now, believ-ing that Lette was lured to the basement and managuvred into a position

with his back to the open rear door.

The police are strengthened in their belief that the old factions of the Morello gang are becoming welded together again by a letter which Lette had received threatening death, and they are taking steps to prevent a second reign of terror in that section of the East Side. The House of Three Deuces is being watched. In fact the whole of Getaway Row, as the five tenements which include 222 Chrystle street are known, is under surveillance.

Laborer Shot Down in Street; Assailant Escapes.

Matthew Leone, 35, a laborer, 125 Mulberry street, was walking in Mulbut berry street, near Hester, yesterday when a man jumped from a crowd and fired six shots at him from a revolver. It is believed now that a rifle was Three of the shots took effect, striking used to kill the Judge instead of a re- him in the abdomen. Leone was rushed

shooting, has established an alibi that CUPID FOILS ASYLUM GUARDS Income Heir to Million Elone.

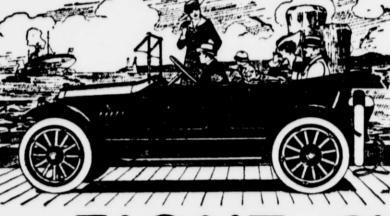
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 9 .- Thon Cranston.

Lieut.-Gov. San Souci, who is acting Governor in the absence of Gov. Beeckman, offered a reward of \$1,000 to-night for the arrest of the murderer of Judge for the arrest of the murderer of Judge
Knowles.

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